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In the Drawings:

The Examiner objected to the drawings received on June 24, 2005, because they did not include some of the reference numerals stated in the specification, such as 74 and 80. The drawings also included additional reference numerals that were not listed in the specification. The Examiner had also repeated his objection to the *original* drawings for not having brackets that showed the relationship between various parts. The original drawings also used the same reference numerals to indicate different parts, and certain recited in the claims were not properly designated, specifically the claimed “width” of the spacers recited in claims 13 and 21.

Applicant submits herewith formal replacement drawings that include Figs. 1-5. Figs. 1-5 are amended to add reference numerals 74 and 80. Numerals 62' and 70''' and letter (w) were also added, and in Fig. 3 numeral 68 was changed to 68''. Applicant has double-checked the drawings and specification, and believes that all reference numerals listed in the specification now properly appear in the drawings, and all reference numerals appearing in the drawings are mentioned in the specification. No reference numeral is used twice for different parts. The replacement drawings also include brackets to show the relationship between various parts, namely, the assembly 54 in Figs. 1, 2 and 4, and spacers 56 and 58 in Figs. 4-5. No new matter is added by the replacement drawings.

Reconsideration and acceptance of the replacement drawings including Figs. 1-5 is respectfully requested.

Attachment: Formal drawings consisting of three (3) sheets including Figs. 1-5

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REMARKS

A final action was issued on September 2, 2005, which the applicant responded to with an amendment dated December 13, 2005. The examiner then issued an advisory action dated December 29, 2005, refusing to enter the amendment on the grounds that it did not fully place the application in condition for allowance. Specifically, the examiner said that a proposed amendment would require a new search and that the replacement drawings were still not acceptable.

In the present paper the applicant has endeavored to correct each matter raised in the official action of September 2, 2005, plus those cited in the Advisory Action of December 29, 2005. Thus, the present paper presents the same amendments and arguments submitted in the applicant's amendment of December 13, 2005, except that claims 13-22 have been cancelled. The applicant also submits for the examiner's consideration a new set of formal drawings, which were filed with the PTO on December 28, 2005.

Accordingly, the applicant firmly believes that all requirements set forth in the official action of September 2, 2005 and the advisory action of December 29, 2005, have been met and that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of this application is therefore kindly requested.

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1. Objections to the Drawings

In the official action dated September 2, 2005, the Examiner objected to the drawings received on June 24, 2005, because they did not include some of the reference numerals stated in the specification, and because they included additional reference numerals that were not listed in the specification. The Examiner also repeated his objection to the *original* drawings for not having brackets that showed the relationship between various parts, for using the same reference numerals to indicate different parts, and for failing to have a reference numeral or letter pointing out the claimed “width” of the spacers as recited in claims 13 and 21.

Applicant has submitted formal replacement drawings, which as explained above, has addressed every matter noted by the examiner. All reference numerals listed in the specification now properly appear in the drawings, and all reference numerals appearing in the drawings are mentioned in the specification. No reference numeral is used twice for different parts. The replacement drawings also include brackets to show the relationship between various parts. No new matter is added by the replacement drawings. Reconsideration and acceptance of the formal replacement drawing including Figs. 1-5 in response the current action is respectfully requested.

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2. Objections to the Specification

As mentioned in connection with correction to the drawings, applicant has also amended the specification to make sure the any reference numeral appearing in the drawings is mentioned in the specification.

In addition, the specification has been amended to provide antecedent basis for the “selected width” of the spacers recited in claims 13 and 21.

3. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

These issues no longer need to be addressed because the pertinent claims have been cancelled.

4. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

These issues no longer need to be addressed because the pertinent claims have been cancelled.

The previously withdrawn claims, namely, claims 17-20 have also been cancelled.

Accordingly, claims 1-4, 7-11 and 23-24 remain pending, are believed to be patentable over the prior art, are in proper form, and otherwise comply with all requirements under U.S.C. §§102, 103(a) and 112.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant previously requested and paid for a one-month extension of time to respond to the official action of September 2, 2005 with the response filed on December 13, 2005. With this paper applicant respectfully requests an additional one-month extension of time to respond to the official action of September 2, 2005. Authorization is given to charge the \$330 fee and any additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1170.

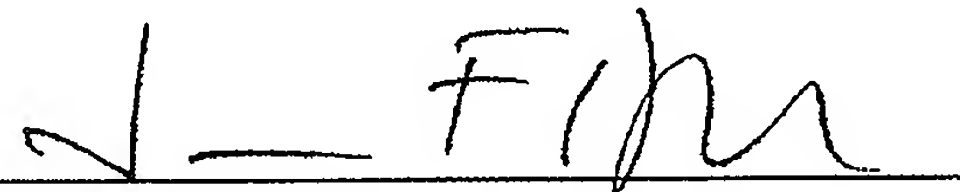
CONCLUSION

For the forgoing reasons, applicant kindly requests consideration and allowance of the application as amended. A Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it would help expedite matters.

Respectfully submitted,

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